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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate and the
3 Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate
4 Highland Elementary School in Skokie School District 68 on
5 being one of 2 Illinois schools recognized as National Title I
6 Distinguished Schools; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Title I Association was established
8 to help improve and implement programs under Title I of the
9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA); it recognizes up
10 to 2 schools per state as National Title I Distinguished
11 Schools; Title I is the largest federally funded pre-college
12 education program, providing funding to school districts that
13 serve students from low-income families; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Title I Association allows each state
15 to select one qualifying school in each of the following 2
16 categories: (1) High Performing - A school that has exceeded
17 its Adequate Yearly Progress, or alternative accountability
18 criteria for those states with ESEA Flexibility Requests
19 approved by the United States Department of Education, for 2 or
20 more years; and (2) Achievement Gap - A school that has
21 significantly closed the achievement gap between subgroups of
22 students; and

1 WHEREAS, Highland Elementary School's Illinois Standard
2 Achievement Test composite score increased by 13.7 percentage
3 points, growing from 60.8% of students meeting or exceeding
4 standards in 2010 to 74.5% in 2013; the school has closed the
5 racial/ethnic achievement gap from 33.7% in 2011 to 21% in
6 2013; additionally, the achievement gap has also narrowed
7 between low-income and non-low-income students from 31.7% in
8 2010 to 23.7% in 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, Highland Elementary School will be honored for its
10 academic gains at the upcoming National Title I Association's
11 annual conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, and at the No Child
12 Left Behind annual statewide conference in Chicago; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate Highland
17 Elementary School on being one of 2 Illinois schools recognized
18 as National Title I Distinguished Schools and wish them many
19 more years of academic success; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Highland Elementary School as an expression of our
22 esteem and respect.